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My dear Sir,

By request of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, I beg to inform you as to the present state of the Chair of Botany in this University. It is my wish as soon as possible to give up this part of my work, and if you feel inclined to look forward to it, I think you might secure the appointment, though I am not in a position to pledge the University to anything in the matter. The fees of the medical class amount to about $200 and may increase; and I wish as soon as possible to have a definite salary at-

tached to the Lectures in
the Faculty of Arts, and
to have a Professorship created
embracing both Faculties.

It would be necessary
however that the Professor
of Lectures should provide
for both Faculties, so soon
as a Salary can be given,
and that the use of the Micro-
Scope should be included in
his Lectures. He should also
have some Special proficiency in
the subject, to be attained by
the study of Structural Botany
(say in Germany, not in England
where it is unknown). and

by the study of canadian and
economic Botany.

If you think it worth
your while to keep this
in view, in connection with
your general Professional work,
or such Specialties in Physiology
or, as the Medical Faculty
might provide, I shall
be willing to do what
I can for you, and in the
mean time shall be glad
to learn your views as to
the matter.

My belief is that Botanical

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science holds out here at present some good chances of scientific reputation, though in a pecuniary point of view little can be done except to make it an accessory to other work.

Truly yours

J W Dawson

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